

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76406

Rikke MIKKELSEN, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/609,497

Group Art Unit: 1761

Confirmation No.: 1689

Examiner: Helen F. Pratt

Filed: July 1, 2003

For: A METHOD FOR PRODUCING CHEWING GUM GRANULES AND COMPRESSED GUM PRODUCTS, AND A CHEWING GUM GRANULATING SYSTEM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 31, 2006 to January 31, 2007.

The statutory fee of \$450.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

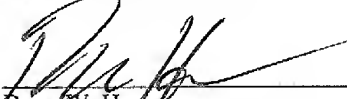
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